

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff,) 8:23CR146
vs.) ORDER
MALEEKA D. GILBERT and)
DAMAR E. JOHNSON,)
Defendants.)

This matter is before the court on the defendant, Damar E. Johnson's unopposed Motion to Continue Trial [29]. Counsel needs additional time to conduct plea negotiations. Counsel for co-defendant, Maleeka D. Giblert, has been contacted and has no objection to the continuance. For good cause shown,

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion to Continue Trial [29] is granted, as follows:

1. The jury trial, **for both defendants**, now set for January 8, 2024, is continued to **March 25, 2024**.
2. In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), the court finds that the ends of justice will be served by granting this continuance and outweigh the interests of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial. Any additional time arising as a result of the granting of this motion, that is, the time between **today's date and March 25, 2024**, shall be deemed excludable time in any computation of time under the requirement of the Speedy Trial Act. Failure to grant a continuance would deny counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(6), (7)(A) & (B)(iv).

DATED: December 29, 2023.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Susan M. Bazis
United States Magistrate Judge